

## House Resolution 840

By: Representatives Murphy of the 120<sup>th</sup> and Howard of the 121<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring First Baptist Church of Stapleton, Georgia, for its 100 years of service; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, First Baptist Church of Stapleton, Georgia, was founded on the first Sunday of  
4 December, 1905; and

5 WHEREAS, under the steadfast leadership of Reverend R. J. Johnson and Reverend J. W.  
6 Whitehead, the 99 founding members purchased pews from Reedy Creek Baptist Church and  
7 raised a new church building on two acres of land sold to the congregation by Mr. Walter  
8 Stapleton for \$200.00, who generously donated \$50.00 of the amount himself; and

9 WHEREAS, the building was rushed on the first Sunday in October of 1906, and the new  
10 house was dedicated by Dr. C. T. Walker, Reverend G. S. Kilpatrick, and Reverend W. H.  
11 Irby; and

12 WHEREAS, for the past century, First Baptist Church has been a symbol of faith and service  
13 to the Stapleton community and has benefited from the excellent leadership of nine  
14 wonderful pastors who each guided the congregation with great care, compassion, and  
15 dedication; and

16 WHEREAS, 2005 marks the 100th anniversary of First Baptist Church, and it is abundantly  
17 fitting and proper that its proud heritage and traditions be recognized on this significant and  
18 memorable milestone.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 the members of this body join in honoring First Baptist Church of Stapleton, Georgia, on the  
21 momentous occasion of its 100th anniversary and extend their sincere congratulations and  
22 best wishes to each member of the congregation.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to First Baptist Church of
- 3 Stapleton, Georgia.